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1. In each Bulgarian Gymnasium there is a Communist student organization called UCROM (Uchenicheskoe Rukovodstvo Omladine -- Students' Leadership of Youth).
2. The following are the objectives of this organization:
 - a. Education of students in accordance with the principles of the Communist doctrine. Once a week there are political lectures and discussions on political topics selected by the Committee of this organization.
 - b. Control over the political development of the students by the UCROM representatives in each class.
 - c. Elimination of students who are not inclined to Communism from further school education. This is enforced by the Bulgarian universities and other advanced schools who admit only students who can produce both a Gymnasium diploma and a certificate on their political conduct issued by UCROM of the respective Gymnasium.
3. Each Gymnasium student has the right to become a member of the UCROM provided that the Committee accepts him.
4. The Executive Committee of the UCROM is elected by the members each year. This election usually consists of the unanimous approval of a proposal made by an older Communist student.
5. This Committee appoints a class committee of three students. One of these three is designated a Class Secretary who is responsible for the discipline of the class and who represents the class before a Gymnasium Professors' Board and in the Gymnasium Committee of the UCROM. The representatives of UCROM take part in each session of the Professors' Board. On the basis of the reports of the Class Secretary, the Gymnasium Committee keeps records on the political conduct of students.
6. There are about ten students in each class who assist the class committee in controlling other students and who are called activists.

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